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SUBJECT: VISIT OF VIETNAMESE DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER PHAN HIEN

1. PHAN HIEN, DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER OF THE SOCIALIST
REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (SRV), AND SPECIAL ENVOY OF SRV
PRIME MINISTER PHAM VAN DONG, VISITED PAKISTAN FROM
FEBRUARY 7 TO 9. PHAN'S VISIT, THE FIRST TO PAKISTAN
BY A SENIOR VIETNAMESE OFFICIAL WAS, ACCORDING TO PAK MFA
DIRECTOR FOR EAST ASIA, ASHRAF QAZI, ESSENTIALLY A GOOD-
WILL VISIT. PAKISTAN IS ONE OF SIX STOPS PHAN PLANS TO MAKE
ON PRESENT TOUR OF SOUTH-ASIAN COUNTRIES. DURING HIS
VISIT THE DEPUTY MINISTER MET WITH PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO
AND FOREIGN SECRETARY AGHA SHAHI. ACCORDING LOCAL PRESS
REPORTS, HIEN DELIVERED MESSAGE TO BHUTTO FROM PHAM VAN DONG.
GOP DID NOT RELEASE TEXT OF MESSAGE.

2. IN STATEMENT TO NEWSMEN ON HIS ARRIVAL ISLAMABAD, THE
DEPUTY MINISTER SAID THAT VISIT WAS AIMED AT FURTHER STRENGTHEN-
ING "MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING, FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION" BETWEEN
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THE TWO COUNTRIES. HIEN SAID THAT HE EXPECTED TO HAVE
DISCUSSIONS WITH PAKISTANI OFFICIALS FOR COOPERATION IN THE
FIELDS OF AGRICULTURE, LIGHT AND HEAVY INDUSTRIES, SCIENCE
AND TECHNOLOGY. ON HIS DEPARTURE FOR NEPAL, HIEN STATED
THAT THE SRV WOULD OPEN A DIPLOMATIC MISSION IN ISLAMABAD
IN THE NEAR FUTURE AND WOULD SEND AN ECONOMIC DELEGATION TO
WORK OUT CONCRETE MEASURES FOR MUTUAL COOPERATION. HIEN

ALSO SAID THAT SRV PRIME MINISTER PHAM VANYSNVG WOULD VISIT PAKISTAN AT "A MUTUALLY CONVENIENT DATE."

3. QAZI SAID THAT PHAM'S VISIT HAS BEEN TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST AND WOULD BE ONE STOP ON A PLANNED TOUR OF SOUTH ASIAN COUNTRIES IN AUGUST/SEPTEMBER. QAZI ADDED THAT HE EXPECTS THE SRV WILL ESTABLISH ITS MISSION IN ISLAMABAD SOMETIME BEFORE PHAM'S VISIT. HIEN ALSO SOUGHT REASSURE GOP THAT CONTRARY TO WESTERN NEWS STORIES SRV HAS NO AGGRESSIVE DESIGNS ON THAILAND OR OTHER COUNTRIES IN AREA AND DOES NOT SEEK "HEGEMONY" OVER SOUTH-EAST ASIA. QAZI, APPARENTLY SENSITIVE TO US PRESS STORIES SPECULATING ON SALE OF US MILITARY EQUIPMENT BY SRV TO PAKISTAN THAT APPEARED LAST YEAR, VOLUNTEERED THAT SUBJECT OF SALE OF CAPTURED US MILITARY EQUIPMENT DID NOT COME UP IN CONVERSATIONS HIEN HAD WITH GOP OFFICIALS.

4. EDITORIAL IN GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED "PAKISTAN TIMES" NOTED THAT VISIT WAS IMPORTANT AS IT WAS THE FIRST HIGH LEVEL VISIT OF AN SRV OFFICIAL TO PAKISTAN. EDITORIAL WELCOMED PROPOSED VISIT OF ECONOMIC DELEGATION TO EXPLORE WAYS TO ESTABLISH CLOSE ECONOMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. EDITORIAL ENDED BY HOPING NORMALIZATION OF US-SRV RELATIONS WOULD ADD NEW ELEMENT OF STABILITY IN SOUTH-EAST ASIA AND WELCOMING US ADMINISTRATION STATEMENT THAT USG IS INVESTIGATING QUESTION OF RECOGNITION OF THE SRV AND ITS ADMISSION TO UN.

5. COMMENT: EMBASSY BELIEVES THIS WAS ESSENTIALLY GOOD-WILL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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VISIT AND THAT IT ACCOMPLISHED ITS LIMITED PURPOSE OF LAYING GROUNDWORK FOR VISITS LATER THIS YEAR OF ECONOMIC DELEGATION AND SRV PRIME MINISTER. ANNOUNCEMENT THAT SRV WOULD OPEN MISSION HERE NOT SURPRISING SINCE PAKISTAN HAS HAD MISSION IN HANOI FOR LAST FOUR YEARS. BOTH QAZI AND LOCAL PAPERS SPECULATED THAT THE SRV HAS INCREASED ITS READINESS TO TAKE DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVES TO STRENGTHEN ITS TIES WITH THE THIRD WORLD. BYROADE

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